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Audio clips three Kalyanpur militants recorded before they were killed reveal their twisted understanding of Islam

ZAYADUL AHSAN writes for The Daily Star

When they saw their deaths coming on Tuesday morning, the Kalyanpur militants made final preparations to fight back the law enforcers.

They wore black panjabis that are symbolic of Islamic State terrorists and recorded statements addressing their family members and the Muslim world as a whole.

Their statements reveal how thoroughly they had been brainwashed with wrong interpretations of Islam and with hatred for the general people and even their own kith and kin.

Amid the nerve-racking situation, two militants in the audio messages asked their families to seek forgiveness of Allah and "come to the fold of Islam".

One even went on to denounce his family members as "murtads" (apostate) for supporting democracy and Prime Minister

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Militants setting fire to their certificates.

Cafe attackers were 'suicide fighters'

Claims Dabiq, an IS web publication

RASHIDUL HASAN

Global terror outfit Islamic State (IS) in the latest issue of its online magazine Dabiq claimed that the five Gulshan café attackers were "inghimasi soldiers of Caliphate".

Ingimasi is roughly translated as suicide fighter, according to jihadology.net, a clearinghouse for jihadi primary source material, original analysis, and translation service.

"Suicide fighters often work in tandem with suicide bombers, but the two are different in that the ingimasi are usually on foot, armed with grenades and light weapons, and operating in a group, while



Please take us home

38 Bangladeshi kids write to PM from Indian care home

SUBRATA ACHARJEE, from Kolkata

Thirty eight Bangladeshi children stranded at a safe-home in West Bengal, India, yesterday urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to take measures immediately so that they can come back home.

Most of them have been stuck at government safe-home Shubhayon at Balurhingh in south Dinajpur district of West Bengal for one and a half years or two without committing any crime, they said in a joint letter.

They entered India being lured by brokers who promised them jobs while some went to visit the country.

"As we entered India without passport, we were detained by the BSF [Border Security Force] or police and were sent to Shubhayon home," the

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Teachers and students of Dhaka University form a human chain in front of the TSC on the campus yesterday to create awareness about the menace of terrorism and militancy. Such human chains were formed in and around educational institutions across the country in the wake of the two militant attacks in the capital's Gulshan and Kishoreganj's Sholakia. More photos on page 3.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Saying no to terrorism
Students, teachers form human chains across the country

STAR REPORT

It was a different day for the students and teachers of colleges and universities as they came out of regular academic routine, took to the streets, joined hands together and vowed to combat militancy.

Thousands of students and teachers across the country yesterday collectively raised their voices for building social resistance and mass awareness against terrorism.

The call for fighting terrorism came from human chains formed by teachers and students of different colleges and universities on their campuses or in front of their educational institutions across the country from 11:00am to 12:00 noon.

Participants were seen holding placards and banners inscribing different slogans like "Bangladesh Against Terrorism", "We will resist militancy by togetherness and firmness", "Non-communalism is our pride", and "We want peace, not terrorism".

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CHT LAND COMMISSION
Decision-making power of chairman to be curtailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved a draft law that curtails the discretionary decision-making power of the chairman of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Land Dispute Resolution Commission.

The approval of the draft CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission (Amendment) Act, 2016 came at the weekly cabinet meeting at the Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The move was made as part of the government's efforts to resolve the longstanding land disputes in the CHT.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shahidul Alam said the draft law also modified the existing provisions regarding quorum for the meeting of the commission.

The draft law included several proposals agreed on by the government and Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) at a meeting on January 9 last year at Chittagong Circuit House.

The Daily Star contacted several PCJSS leaders for opinion on the matter, but they refused to say anything before discussing the issue in their forums.

On December 2, 1997, the then Awami League government and the PCJSS inked the CHT peace accord, ending the nearly two-decade-long

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ANTI-MILITANCY DRIVE
PM calls for people's support

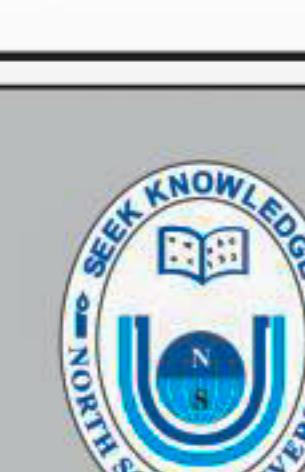
UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought greater cooperation of people and information from them in tackling militancy and terrorism more effectively.

"We've taken quicker decisions [against terrorism and militancy] than European countries and America...we've been able to face any incident whenever it happened...we've proven that. So, we need more cooperation and awareness of people," she said.

Hasina, the eldest daughter of Bangabandhu, said this while inaugurating a blood donation programme organised by Bangladesh Krishak League on the premises of Bangabandhu

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